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SUMMARY: THIS IS REGULAR QUARTERLY CERP REPORT ON TRANS-ARABIAN PIPELINE (TAPLINE) AND TWO-TERMINAL IRAQ NATIONAL OIL CO. (INCO) PIPELINE FROM KIRKUK TO MEDITERRANEAN, PROVIDED BY CABLE DUE CURRENT DEGREE INTEREST THIS DATE. HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS QUARTER ARE TAPLINE CLOSURE AND INCREASED INOC VOLUME, PARTICULARLY IN MARCH. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING TABLE CONTAINS MONTHLY BARREL TOTALS FOR FIRST QUARTER 1975 IN THREE COLUMNS: MONTH (NUMBERED), THROUGHPUT AND EXPORTS.

A. TAPLINE (SIDON)

1	1375611	70991
2	355303	0
3	0	0
QTR. TOTAL	1730914	70991
1974 1ST QTR	32664772	30009613
PERCENT CHANGE	-947PCT	-998PCT

B. INC/BANIAS

1	13214563	11761863
2	13788455	12380232
3	18091180	16655932
QTR. TOTAL	45094198	40798027
1974 1 ST QTR.	52771746	49663142
PERCENT CHANGE	-15PCT	-18PCT

C. INOC/TRIPOLI

1	9160609	8206710
2	11692272	10842175
3	15516852	14576876
QTR. TOTAL	36369733	33625759
1974 1ST QTR.	37217902	34123696
PERCENT CHANGE	-2PCT	-2PCT

D. INCO BANIAS AND TRIPOLI COMBINED

QTR. TOTAL	81463931	74423786
1974 1ST QTR.	89989648	83786838
PERCENT CHANGE	-10PCT	-11PCT

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2. HIGHLIGHTS: AS REPORTED EARLIER, TPALINE, WHICH LOADED ONLY ONE SMALL TANKER THIS QUARTER (JANUARY), SUSPENDED SIDON OPERATIONS FEBRUARY 9, WITH ABOVE RESULTS. IN USUAL PATTERN, INCO VOLUME ROSE DURING QUARTER, THROUGHPUT AVERAGING 75 PER CENT OF CAPACITY FOR QUARTER AND 90 PER CENT FOR MARCH (USING CAPACITY OF 1.2 MBPD), UNUSUALLY GOOD PERFORMANCE UNDER CURRENT DEPRESSED OIL

AND TANKER MARKET CONDITIONS. MARCH WAS BEST MONTH SINCE MARCH 1974. REASONS NOT CLEAR, BUT LIKELY INVOLVE SINGLE LARGE SHIPMENT, PRICE DECREASES (EGYPTIAN SALE AT \$10.80 HAS BEEN RUMORED) AND POSSIBLY INITIAL IMPACT OF TAPLINE CLOSURE. APRIL NOMINATIONS TO DATE INDICATE EXPORTS OF ABOUT 23 MILLION BBL, 65 PER CENT OF CAPACITY. IN SECOND QUARTER TRIPOLI SHARE OF INCO VOLUME LIKELY DROP DISPROPORTIONATELY SINCE, DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS, TRIPOLI IN FIRST QUARTER HANDLED 45 PER CENT OF VOLUME RATHER THAN 40 PER CENT SHARE SET BY SYRIAN-LEBANESE AGREEMENT.

3. CAUTION: THIS DATE FOR PUBLICATION ONLY IN INTERIOR'S MINERALS YEARBOOK. IF PUBLICATION ELSEWHERE NECESSARY, APPROXIMATIONS SHOULD BE USED. SOURCE IIS EMBASSY BEIRUT.  
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